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NEW PHYSICAL DIRECTOR HAS BEEN SECURED

SUPT. LUCHTMAN HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED VAN HOESSEN AS A. H. S. PRINCIPAL.

Carlson is to Be Physical Director

A. C. Luchtmann, superintendent of the Alma Public Schools announced several faculty changes in the High School this week, chief of which are the appointment of a new principal for the High school and the securing of a physical director.

Oliver Carlson, former Albion and Michigan State Normal athlete, who has had considerable training as a physical director, has been signed by Mr. Luchtmann, for the position of physical director. Mr. Carlson has had a wide athletic experience and at Michigan State Normal had been a highly rated, valuable baseball and basketball man. He has also had some work in the other sports.

He will not only work with the High School athletes, but will also work with the grade youngsters and it is expected that in future years the training that is received by the students in the grades will make itself felt by better teams in high school.

Mr. Carlson comes to Alma highly recommended and is expected to prove a capable director and coach.

Mr. Luchtmann also announced that Mr. Ralph Van Hoesen has been appointed as principal of the High School. Mr. Van Hoesen has had charge of the physics and chemistry departments of the High School for the past two years and has been very successful in his work. It has been his work with the schools in Alma that prompted Mr. Luchtmann and the school board to tender the place to him.

Mr. Van Hoesen's successor will be Gerald Wilcox, a graduate of Central State Normal of Mt. Pleasant.

Hastings Banner Speaks of Smith

It will be a matter of real pleasure to Barry county people to know that Hon. Wm. M. Smith, of St. Johns, has announced himself as a candidate for Congress, to succeed Hon. Jos. Fordney of Saginaw, who has announced that he will not again be a candidate.

Mr. Smith is well known in Barry county, where he has spoken many times during political campaigns in the past, and all who have ever heard him must appreciate that he is a man of splendid ability, a most pleasing and convincing speaker, an all-around good fellow, and a hard fighter for any cause he believes in.

Like Congressman Fordney's, Mr. Smith's boyhood life was no "land of roses." In fact it was very much the contrary, and his early struggles to secure an education that fitted him as a boy to teach a country school, and at the same time study law, at night until he was finally admitted to the bar, only emphasize the determination and the fighting qualities that have marked him as a man. We believe that one of the first offices he ever held was County School Commissioner of Clinton Co., and the next was Prosecuting Attorney, in both of which he made good.

For two years he represented Barry, Clinton and Eaton counties in the State Senate, filling out the second term that would have gone to Hon. Coleman C. Vaughn, of St. Johns, when the latter was elected Secretary of the State of Michigan. So ably did Mr. Smith represent this district that he was urged by friends in all three counties to again become a candidate for the State Senate. But he turned a deaf ear to them all, for the one and only reason that he would violate the understanding between the three counties that each was to have the office only two terms each, when it was to be passed on to the next in regular order. That is typical of Bill Smith—his word is just as good as his bond, and he can be relied upon implicitly to do the right thing as he sees it. At present he is a member of the State Public Utilities Commission of which Hon. W. W. Potter of this city, is also a member.

The many Barry county friends of Mr. Smith all unite in wishing him success in his aspiration to succeed Congressman Fordney, and as long as the people can be represented in the national legislature by such men as Hon. W. W. Smith they can rest assured that their interests are in safe and clean hands. If elected, as we trust, he will be a worthy successor of Joe Fordney, one of the ablest men that ever represented Michigan in Congress. Hastings Banner, July 12.

Summer Bible School To Close Thursday

The Summer Bible School which has been held in the Lincoln school building for the past five weeks will have its closing exercises in the Presbyterian church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pupils of this school have come from the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches, including Eastminster chapel, but persons from all the congregations of the city and their friends are invited. A demonstration of what the children have learned will be given.

It is surprising how much has been accomplished in the school in so short a time. In the advanced class, a class including pupils eleven and twelve years old, every one can repeat from memory all of the books of the Bible, the general divisions in which they may be grouped and the characteristics of these divisions; also Psalms 1, 23, 91, The Ten Commandments, Matt. 5, 1 Cor. 13, all of the Primary Catechism containing one hundred and thirty-two questions, an outline of the life of Jesus, the fundamental facts concerning the Geography of Palestine and ten lessons in a book entitled "The Way of Life." It is the hope of those who have planned the school that each student will strive to attend at least four summers. Those doing so will receive a diploma and it is safe to say that every one possessing such a diploma will be truly a marked person because of the extent of his Bible knowledge.

It is the plan to take all the pupils of the school who have remained faithful in their attendance up to the last, on a picnic Friday. The picnic will probably be held at Bass lake. Parents of the children are invited.

ALMA COLLEGE PROSPECTS GOOD

ALL ROOMS EXCEPTING TWO HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR AT WRIGHT HALL.

Prospects for attendance at Alma College this coming year are regarded as being exceptionally bright by the college authorities who are looking forward to a still greater attendance this coming year and there is little question, but what all attendance records of past years will be broken. This optimistic view is not based entirely on prospects, some of whom always manage to get lost in the shuffle, but is based on far more reasonable grounds than that. It was learned the first of the week that the College has already received applications for all except two of the rooms in Wright Hall, the girls' dormitory, which is one of the largest that any such institution in the state can boast. It is still almost two full months before college will open.

It is always much easier to get a possible basis for attendance from the applications for rooms in the girls' dormitory than the men's as the latter class seldom gets around to make room reservations early, and many do not bother with such a small thing as a room until they arrive in Alma. Thus it is more difficult also to get a probable line on the attendance of young men but the more numerous inquiries that the college has received, would indicate that more young men are contemplating on securing at least a part of their higher education at Alma than ever before.

RICHEY GETS TEN DAYS
Stewart Richey appeared before Justice Joseph Biggerstaff Wednesday charged with violating the livery stable act. Richey was given a fine of \$25.00 by the Alma Justice and was also invited to visit with Sheriff Willert at the county jail at Ithaca for the following ten days.

MRS. PRICE CORRECTS IDEA ABOUT CO. TREASURERSHIP

Since the recent unfortunate circumstance which took away the one on whom I depended for support, I have realized that it was absolutely necessary for me to do something to earn a living. It was this fact and because it seems only fair that the women voters, who constitute at least one-half of the voting strength of the Republican party in Gratiot county, ought to have representation on the ticket and the feeling that I can do this work accurately and satisfactorily which lead me to announce my candidacy for county treasurer.

I am informed that some people have misunderstood my financial situation and have stated that I do not need the office. This is entirely a mistake. I have no fortune to depend on as the probate records show if you care to ask Judge Kress. I must work for a living and am ready and willing to do so. If the Republican voters of Gratiot county see fit to nominate me and I am elected I shall do all in my power to do the work of the treasurer's office satisfactorily and shall devote my entire time to serving the public.

Belle J. Price
(Political Advertisement)

KELLEY TOURS THIS COUNTY IN CAMPAIGN

FINE FLOW OF ORATORY LET LOOSE IN COUNTY DURING HIS NINE ADDRESSES.

Puts on Muffler at the Proper Moments

Congressman Patrick Kelley of Lansing, who has high aspirations, which are to have and to hold a seat in the United States Senate, gave Gratiot county her first taste of the senatorial campaign Monday, when he delivered nine broadsides in as many towns of the county, but which did not kill or injure many, for slim crowds greeted "Pat" in his tour through this excellent territory. It was really a shame that "Pat" should have been forced to give flow to such a burst of oratory to such slim crowds, just as many Republicans seem to regard it as a shame that "Pat" is using his oratory on the dead Newberry case, which through the courts of the land and through the senate brought vindication to Michigan's Junior Senator.

Beautiful Kelley, whom we like personally very much, brought his strenuous day to a close with a night meeting in Alma, carded to begin at 8:00 p. m. It was almost a half hour later before the band that was to attract the crowds was able to connect with all of its brass instruments, and take its place on the vaudeville stage on Superior street. "Pat" evidently saw the possible connection with that stage and kept away from it, making his address from an automobile along side of the curb.

A number of people thinking that the band had been sent up to the street from the carnival grounds gathered around to hear the airs. Some few others really interested in the serious business of the evening came because of "Pat." All told the crowd may have numbered 75. Kelley opened his address by telling the audience of the need of retrenchment by the government, and how he, as a result of the disarmament conference, was able to pare down the naval appropriations.

Then he told the "crowd" about those aged and venerable senators down in Washington and how they could not do much work during the hot weather because of their advanced age. It certainly was a decrepit bunch that "Pat" pointed out, yet he desires to associate with them.

The rules of the senate were next in order. What scoring they received. Before "Pat" got to the point of telling just how he was going to change these rules, if by any possible chance he ever gets into the senate, he called time, and put on the muffler.

Kelley then opened up the cutout and out came a vaporous lambasting of the dead Newberry case, which Kelley insists, consistently, day and night, is the issue of the present campaign.

The speech over Kelley shook hands all around, looked arms with the newspaper men and confided that he had had a big day "Yes," we returned, "it has been a big day, a beautiful one in fact."

REPUBLIC MAKES SALES RECORD

MONTH OF JUNE SHOWS HIGHEST TOTAL OF ANY MONTH IN TWO YEARS.

Positive evidence of rapidly improving business conditions is reflected in the volume of sales now being enjoyed by the Republic Truck Sales Corporation, Alma, Michigan, according to Col. Frank E. Smith, President. "From a sales standpoint, June was our best month in two years," says Col. Smith, "and during the first six months of 1922, we sold more trucks than during the entire year of 1921."

HOLLAND FURNACE CO. FREE CLEANING AND INSPECTION
If there are any owners of Holland Furnaces in Gratiot County whose furnace has not been cleaned and thoroughly inspected in accordance with our free cleaning and inspection service to every Holland owner, will they please notify P. L. Blanchard, Mgr., Alma, Mich., so that it will be taken care of at once.—advertisement

Special this week, vanilla or maple nut ice cream, 40c per qt. DeLuxe Candy Co.—advertisement

Former Alma Man Married Ex-Teacher

Miss Olive Eggleston of Parma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Eggleston, and Charles Britten, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britten of St. Johns were united in marriage at one o'clock last Thursday afternoon at the M. E. church at Alma. They were attended by Miss Jean Eggleston of Chicago, sister of the bride, and Oscar Britten, brother of the groom.

Mr. Britten is a well-known and well liked St. Johns young man, attended the St. Johns schools, graduate of the Ferris Institute. At present he has a fine position in the Ruggles truck plant at Saginaw. He was formerly in the employ of the Republic Truck Co., at Alma.

Mrs. Britten has been a teacher in the Alma schools for several years. They left for Saginaw shortly after the wedding where they will make their home.

The young people had intended to marry in June of this year, but upon mutually discovering that the parents of each of them had married on July 13, they postponed the event and chose the same day.

MAY GET UNDER WAY THIS WEEK

MACHINERY BEING INSTALLED AND PAR-KAT COMPANY IS GETTING IN SHAPE.

Indications are that the Par-Kat Coach Company, which has been forced to delay getting under way with production during the past ten days due to unlooked for conditions, which came up during the removal of the plant from Detroit to the Bollstrom factory at St. Louis, will get under way within the next few days.

The factory is rapidly taking on a new industrial outlook, as machinery is being installed. Three truck loads of metal and woodworking machinery have just been installed which will make possible a complete body building department for the factory and insure manufacture at the lowest possible cost.

Mr. G. A. Ream of the company stated Tuesday that Mr. Donald East of Detroit, superintendent of construction, has arrived and is now busy at the plant arranging for the active opening of the new plant.

President Westfall of the concern and Mr. Ream have both moved their families to St. Louis where they are now nicely located. Both men feel that they have made a wise move in bringing the company from Detroit to the Bollstrom factory and feel certain that the efforts of St. Louis and Alma business men to locate the concern in that factory, will be well repaid as the company gets under way with its production and furnishes proof of its goods as the traffic busses are turned out.

Grangers to Picnic Wednesday, August 2

A regional basket picnic for the Granges of Genesee, Shiawassee and Gratiot counties will be held in the park at Cornua, on Wednesday August 2. It has been announced by E. W. Redman, Master of Pomona Grange.

Mr. Redman has called attention to the large pavilion in this park, and the fine baseball grounds available. He announced that there will be fine music and some very good speakers. Plans are under way for a baseball game between picked teams of the grange teams of both Gratiot and Shiawassee counties, the winner of each will meet the Genesee Grange Stars for the trophies that are to be awarded to the winner. The program of the day is to start at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. Redman urges that the Gratiot grangers take a day off and attend the affair.

Emery is to Speak Here on August 21

Major John G. Emery, one of the aspirants for the Republican nomination for United States Senator at the primary September 12, will probably be the second of the three candidates for the nomination to appear in Alma, a movement being under way at the present time for an evening meeting for the candidates on Monday, August 21.

Few Alma people have had the privilege of meeting this candidate and will have their opportunity not only seeing him, but hearing him tell why he should be the choice of Michigan Republicanism at the primaries as the party's candidate for U. S. Senator. Regardless of political views, Emery will probably draw a good crowd for this reason.

Bill Hart in "Three Word Brand"—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

COAL SITUATION IS NOT SERIOUS IN CITY AS YET

UTILITIES STILL HAVE SUPPLIES AND WILL BE AIDED BY PRIORITY ORDERS.

Alma Factories Have Fair Amount on Hand

Whether or not the coal and railroad strikes will have any great effect on local utilities and industries, is still some what of a question and how much of an effect they will have will depend upon how soon the strikes are ended and the steps that the government may take in supplying utilities with coal.

In one or two instances in the state gas companies have already been forced to cease furnishing gas, having been unable to procure coal. Tuesday Manager R. B. Wagner of the Gratiot County Gas Company stated that the company here, which supplies Breckenridge, Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma still has a three weeks supply of coal and that in addition to that has a supply of oil for gas making purposes which would make possible the furnishing of gas for a still longer period, possibly another three weeks. This indicates that Alma will have a gas supply for another five or six weeks at the very worst.

The Central Michigan Light & Power company, which is furnishing current to a number of central Michigan cities, is fortunately situated at the present time as regards coal, having upwards of a sixty day supply on hand, which will insure current for these cities for some time yet.

Local industries are probably not in as good shape for fuel, but still have a considerable quantity on hand. What effect the institution of priority by the government may have on them is still a question.

On the whole Alma is much better fortified than a large number of Michigan communities in this respect.

Investigation into the possible effect that the strikes might have in delaying the Alma paving work seems to indicate that the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling, which has the contract for the work here, will probably not meet with any serious delays. Some cement mills have already been forced to cease operations by reason of not being able to get fuel. The city's contract for cement through local dealers has been used by Manager Reynolds and the contractors in securing a good supply of cement, several carloads of which are probably enroute to Alma at the present time. It will probably take 15 carloads of cement for the work on Woodworth, Downie and West End streets and a sufficient quantity has been ordered to care for this work. It is believed that the entire amount can be secured unless there should be a curtailment of freight service, which is not looked for at the present time at least. About thirty carloads of gravel are needed on this work, but Mr. Bartling stated yesterday that he did not regard the gravel problem as being as serious as the problem of securing cement. As a result there is every indication that this work will be able to proceed without being seriously affected.

DRYS ORGANIZED IN THE DISTRICT

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED TUESDAY WHICH WILL ASK VIEWS OF CANDIDATES.

At a meeting held at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the organization in the Eighth Congressional district, which is to represent the W. C. T. U. was perfected and it intends to take an active part in the forth coming election campaigns, in making every effort to see that a congressman is selected who will go to Washington pledged against the light beer and wine movement, and which also will use its efforts in seeing that law enforcement officials are chosen in the various counties of the district who will devote their best efforts to upholding the Volstead act.

SECURE CONTRACT
Broughton & Son of this city, one of Alma's hustling construction firms, has been awarded the contract for the new high school building, which is to be erected at Marshall. The Alma firm will get started on the work just as quickly as possible.

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Union Services May Continue in August

The attendance at the union Sunday evening services in the park is still on the increase. Last Sunday's congregation was the largest yet and included many families who taking the hint given in last week's paper had come in their autos and were enabled to hear the program while seated in them.

One of the especially pleasing parts of the program was that furnished by the Yinger Quartet of St. Louis. This quartet consists of three boys and a girl, all children of Rev. Yinger of the M. E. church in our neighboring city. Their first song might have been entitled "A Message in Christian Unity" and was enacted as well as sung. It was received with much amusement and delight. The last song was equally good. Mr. Frank Smith announces that he is trying to get some musical treat from Ithaca for next week.

After the service was over last Sunday some of the laymen present came to the committee in charge and stated that in their opinion the services were too good to stop and ought to be continued in the park throughout the month of August as well as July. With this suggestion in mind the committee have been laying plans this week for further meetings. The full program for August will be announced Sunday.

Rev. H. H. Anderson of the Christian church is the speaker Sunday. His theme will be "Redemption Realized."

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TICKET SELLING IS ARRANGED FOR

GUARANTORS MET LAST NIGHT TO SETTLE DETAILS OF CAMPAIGN.

Wednesday evening a number of the guarantors of the coming chaqueta, which opens on August 15, held a meeting at the city hall at which final preparations for the sale of season tickets for the event were made.

The guarantors decided upon the tentative plan of the chaqueta committee for dividing the city into five districts, each with a captain in charge of the guarantors, who are to make a house to house canvass during the next two weeks. In addition to these committees for the five districts committees have been appointed for the industrial workers of the city, the farmers, the women's business organization and the girls' business organization.

The ticket sale will be put under way immediately by the various committees and all of the guarantors of the Chaqueta are expected to co-operate in the work of disposing of the tickets for the event, as they are responsible for the amount of the guarantee with the Redpath Bureau.

The season tickets for the Chaqueta this year will be sold for \$2.75, as in past years, except that this year there will be no war tax on the tickets. During the past few years these tickets with war tax have been \$3.03. Children's tickets will be on sale for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years. The committee will also have industrial tickets again this year, which are good for all night numbers. These tickets will be sold for \$2.00. They will be available for industrial workers, stenographers, farmers, clerks in stores, and men who find it impossible to attend in the afternoon. If one desires to attend any of the afternoon entertainments, however, they will find it much cheaper to have the full season ticket, which admits to all numbers which are not covered by the industrial ticket.

(Political Advertisement)



I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Gratiot Co. and solicit your votes at the primaries, Sept. 12, 1922. Joseph Grover.

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Don't miss "Molly O." Strand Sunday and Monday.—advertisement

FORMED SMITH FOR CONGRESS CLUB MONDAY

GRATIOT REPUBLICANS ORGANIZED AT ITHACA MEET TO BOOST CLINTON MAN.

Other Counties Send Speakers

A mass meeting of Gratiot County Republicans was held at Ithaca, Monday night, July 24 and a Gratiot County William M. Smith for Congress Club was formed to promote his candidacy in Gratiot County and throughout the district. Officers were elected and an executive committee appointed. The president elected was J. N. McCall of Ithaca, vice presidents were chosen in the persons of Mrs. Sadie Messenger Soule, of Alma, Honorable Charles N. Giddings, former state senator, of St. Louis; Charles H. Goggin, former prosecuting attorney of Alma; Secretary, Romaine Clark, prosecuting attorney of Ithaca; and treasurer, Harry Rose, former member of the Legislature, of Ashley.

These were appointed an executive committee with authority to select committee men in all of the townships and precincts of the county. The Gratiot County people who attended felt that it was the most enthusiastic political meeting that had been held in Gratiot County in many years. Strong resolutions were adopted endorsing the candidacy of William M. Smith for Congress, and pledging him the support of Gratiot County Republicans.

Many Republicans were present from the counties of Shiawassee, Clinton, Ionia, and Montcalm, as well as Gratiot County.

On the speaking program Shiawassee County was represented by Seth Q. Pulver, Organizer and First Commander of the American Legion Post, at Owosso, and State Senator Byron P. Hicks, of Owosso.

Ionia County was represented by State Senator Foss C. Eldred of Ionia; and former Representative Frank C. Miller, of Ionia; and former Prosecuting Attorney J. Clyde Watt. Montcalm County Republicans were present from Carson City, Stanton, Edmore, and other parts of Montcalm County. Those speaking for Montcalm County were Sheriff Fred E. Curtis of Stanton and Editor H. E. Courlin of Carson City.

Those speaking for Gratiot County were J. N. McCall of Ithaca, former Senator Charles W. Giddings of St. Louis; former Representative Newell Smith of St. Louis; Bernie L. Case, County Clerk of Gratiot County; Charles H. Goggin, Attorney of Alma; Mrs. Charles A. Price of Ithaca; and Rev. Roberts, Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Ithaca.

Those speaking for Clinton County were Honorable Coleman C. Vaughan, former Secretary of state; Miss Winifred C. Duball, a teacher in the St. Johns schools and daughter of former Circuit Judge J. B. Duball of the Clinton-Gratiot Circuit; Edward J. Moinet, present Circuit Judge; Mrs. Theresa Merrill, President of the St. Johns Woman's Club; Honorable Kelley S. Searl, former Circuit Judge of the Clinton-Gratiot Circuit; Mrs. Blanche E. VanDusen, of St. Johns, Secretary of the Clinton County William M. Smith for Congress Club; Dr. Don H. Silsby, Commander of the American Legion Post at St. Johns; Rev. Robert Dalsell, Pastor of the Congregation Church at St. Johns; Oliver Spaulding, Prosecuting Attorney of Clinton County, and others.

The Speakers from all five of the counties assured the audience that the sentiment in all of the counties is strong for the election of William M. Smith as the next Congressman. Shiawassee County organized the first William M. Smith for Congress Club in the district, that club being organized within three or four days after Mr. Smith announced his candidacy. Clinton was the next to organize. Gratiot County organized its club on Monday, July 24, and Ionia Republicans organized a similar club at Ionia on Wednesday afternoon, July 26.

A William M. Smith for Congress Club is also being organized among his many supporters throughout Montcalm County.

Last week the Clinton County Farm Bureau endorsed Mr. Smith's candidacy, and this week the Ionia County Farm Bureau took the same action.

It was the unanimous sentiment of the Republicans present from all of the counties that the five counties of Shiawassee, Gratiot, Montcalm, Ionia and Clinton were solidly for Mr. Smith and that he will be chosen as the next congressman from the Eighth district.